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## **ALVERTA HALDIMAN CELEBRATES 96<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY AND RECOGNIZED AS A LONGTERM RESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA SENIOR HOUSING**

Alverta Haldiman celebrated her 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday on July 10th, and was recently recognized by USDA Rural Development as a 24 year resident in the California Senior Housing Apartments.

Mary Brizendine, Board Member of the California Senior Housing, said, "Alverta is a sweet lady and always pleasant to visit with. She does her part to make life more enjoyable for everyone she comes in contact with. Her home is always open to her many friends and family."



Alverta Haldiman said, "California Senior Housing has been my home for many years. She and her husband moved from the farm to a house in town and after her husband passed away she moved to California Senior Housing. I love living here and am thankful for this facility being made available to senior citizens such as myself." Haldiman has the distinction of being one of the most senior residents and has lived in the apartments since December 1, 1980.

Ms. Haldiman was a school teacher at Harlan School and the Catholic School. She also worked at Goff's Supermarket for many years. These days she has spent a lot of her time quilting at the Catholic Church and even though she is no longer able to have a large garden, she grows tomatoes and has beautiful flowers on her front porch. She is most proud of her four children, Jack Haldiman, Dennis Haldiman (deceased), Madelyn Kyle and Dwena Kueffer and her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Senior Housing Complex she lives in opened on December 1, 1977. Prior to then a non profit corporation had been established to seek federal financial assistance to help those 62 years (or older) or with a disability with decent, safe and sanitary housing at a reasonable cost. USDA Rural Development, formerly Farmers Home Administration, provided the financing with a 1% loan with repayment amortized over 50 years.

Greg Branum, State Director for USDA Rural Development, said, "It is very heart warming to know this federal program has provided affordable housing for so many deserving senior citizens, like Ms. Haldiman." Missouri leads the nation with over 900 properties and 20,000 apartments spread out in each and every rural county in the state. Nearly one-half of the housing properties were built with the purpose of providing adequate housing for senior citizens and the disabled. Branum added, "Special thanks go to the many citizens that volunteer their time as Board Members of nonprofit organizations or other key roles to assist with obtaining the housing for their rural communities."

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. Further information on the rural rental housing or other rural programs is available by visiting USDA Rural Development's website for Missouri at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov.mo/> or by contacting LaVaughn Wilson, Community Development Manager at 1911 Boggs Creek Road, Jefferson City, MO 65101 or by calling (573) 893-8504 Extension # 4.

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Pictured with Alverta Haldiman are: Meagan Haldiman, Nate Haldiman, Dwena Kueffer and David Haldiman.